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2. (Amended) A control lever system for a parking brake, comprising:

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a control lever for the parking brake, which is mounted to a console of a vehicle for moving between an operating position (B) in which it operates the parking brake, and a releasing position (A) in which it releases the operation of the parking brake ,

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said console being located between left and right front drivers' seats of the vehicle;

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a recess for accommodating the control lever when the control lever occupies the releasing position (A),

said recess being in said console and having an open lateral face at a lateral side thereof; and

a releasing knob operative for returning the control lever from the operating position (B) to the releasing position (A), the releasing knob being disposed on a peripheral surface of a grip of the control lever, the peripheral surface facing a bottom surface of the recess when the console lever occupies the releasing position (A).

3. (Amended) A control lever system for a parking brake according to claim 1, further comprising positioning means disposed between an inner wall of the recess and a head of the grip, the positioning means defining the releasing position (A) of the control lever to ensure that outer surfaces of both the console and the control lever are substantially flush with each other.

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4. (Amended) A control lever system for a parking brake according to claim 2, further comprising positioning means disposed between an inner wall of the recess and a head of the grip, the positioning means defining the releasing position (A) of the control lever to ensure that outer surfaces of both the console and the control lever are substantially flush with each other.
